



MONTHLY BIRD CENSUS 27 SEPT 2009

CENSUS NUMBER TIME 08:20 – 12:00 CLOUD COVER NONE PRECIP NONE

OPEN WATER ALL FOG NONE WIND 5 - 10 TEMP 52 - 62 SNOW COVER NONE

PARTICIPANTS: Clarice Clark, Jerry Broadus, Matt Knox, Scott Ramos and Sharon Cormier-Aagaard (ponds)
Barbara Petersen, Pat Toth and Roger Orness (meadows)

SPECIES

20. Virginia Rail 1H	39. Marsh Wren 8
21. American Coot 119	40. Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1
22. Sandhill Crane 1 *10, *11, *12	41. American Robin 30
23. Greater Yellowlegs 1	42. European Starling 28
24. Glaucous-winged Gull 1	43. Cedar Waxwing 25
25. Rock Pigeon 1	44. Orange-crowned Warbler 2
26. Vaux's Swift 1 *13	45. Yellow-rumped Warbler 23
27. Anna's Hummingbird 1	warbler species 1
hummingbird species 2	46. Common Yellowthroat 5
28. Belted Kingfisher 1	47. Spotted Towhee 17
29. Downy Woodpecker 2	48. Savanna Sparrow 10
30. Northern Flicker 10	49. Song Sparrow 22
31. Willow Flycatcher 1	50. Lincoln's Sparrow 4
32. Steller's Jay 4	51. Golden-crowned Sparrow 2
33. American Crow 37 *14	52. Red-winged Blackbird 10
34. Violet-green Swallow 120	53. Brown-headed Cowbird 10
35. Barn Swallow 50	54. House Finch 12
36. Black-capped Chickadee 30	55. American Goldfinch 16
37. Bushtit 35	
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NOTES

- *1 A single flock flew in from the northwest over the lagoon, continued south over the site and down the valley.
- *2 In addition to those seen during the count, a single flock of 110 geese exited the site early before the count.
- *3 One seen circling the north end of the lagoon, moving to the south end of the lagoon, then continued south.
- *4 Seen briefly from the grassy knoll, flying E. into the trees along 64th Ave, at the end of the census; not aged.
- *5 A brief glimpse of a medium to small accipiter flying near the S. paved trail was seen by the meadows team.
- *6 Both NW. adults present in NE. quadrant along with a HY juvenile; a second HY juvie over W. meadow, N. to S.
- *7 No adult red-tails were observed in the SW, quadrant, which is uncommon, since the nesting season is over.
- *8 One seen by all from the nursery in flight appeared to come from the site and continued over the river to SW.
- *9 Both were first heard, then both seen; one seen in the far west meadow and one in the far south meadow.
- *10 The crane came from the south, over the NE. forest and circled the lagoon, moving south down the valley.
- *11 A lone crane was seen by Evan Houston flying S. from the Montlake Fill, just 90 minutes prior to our crane.
- *12 Although this wasn't the first record of Sandhill Crane seen at GRNRA, it is the first record for the census.
- *13 The swift was seen feeding with many Violet-green Swallows high over the west edge of the meadows.
- *14 In addition to those seen during the count, 120 plus crows were seen flying up from a likely night roost.

MORE NOTES

No evidence of owls roosting in the pines at Anderson Park.